



# Lantern

**One church of all ages, with a vibrant, dynamic, worshipping heart,  
reaching out with the love of Christ to Marlow Bottom and beyond**

*Welcome to the first Sunday of our new service pattern!*

*As we get used to changes, we will try our best to keep you posted through this Newsletter and in other ways. Please let us know if there are ways we can improve our communications and be patient as things change in the next few weeks.*

## **16th September 2018 – 16th after Trinity**

**09.30 Holy Communion at St Mary's  
11.00 Worship with children's groups at the Chapel**

### **Services in September**

<b>23 Sept</b>	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Morning Worship at the Chapel</b>
	<b>11.00</b>	<b>All Age Worship at St Mary's</b>
	<b>18.30</b>	<b>"Be Still" at St. Mary's</b>
<b>30 Sept</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Everyone together Harvest Service at the Chapel</b>

# NEWS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Welcome Matt - our new Intern

We're pleased to tell you all that Matthew Clark is joining us as our new Intern. Matt will share his time between Marlow Bottom & All Saints Marlow and will be primarily focused on Youth Work. Matt is 22, and is local having grown up in Penn. He has helped out at his local youth groups regularly and has volunteered for a number of years at Beaconsfield Lighthouse, so he understands our context very well. Matt will be supervised by Sami and Graham, and will be mentored by Roland. Please do pray for Matt as he prepares to make this transition, and do all you can to help him feel at home.

There will be another opportunity to **'Be Still' at 6.30 on Sunday 23rd September at St Mary's**. This lay-led service of approximately 40 minutes is a time for peace and reflection. We would love to see you.

**Mondays continue to be prayer days in Marlow Bottom.** Everything we do is undergirded by prayer, if you have never come along to pray, why not try it soon!?

The next few weeks our prayer opportunities will be:

17<sup>th</sup> September 1-2pm Lunchtime Prayer in The Chapel

24<sup>th</sup> September, 7-7.45pm Prayer Walk, meet at 165 Marlow Bottom

1<sup>st</sup> October, 8-9.30pm, 165 Marlow Bottom

8<sup>th</sup> October, 1-2pm Lunchtime Prayer in the Chapel

15<sup>th</sup> October, 1-2pm Lunchtime Prayer in the Chapel

**House Group** Our 'Learning and Sharing' house group will meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month as from September. Dates will therefore be 25th September, 23rd October and 27th November at 3, Pheasants Ridge. Details will be in the new Small Groups brochure. We would love to welcome new members!

**Quiz Night at St Mary's** with fish and chip supper, raffle and bar! **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm to start at 7.15pm. Tickets £12.50.** Come as a team or join others on the night Contact Graeme Slocombe for tickets on **07785 262078**

## Concert event for your diary - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Holmer Green Baptist Church are hosting an evening with Jonathan Viera. Tickets cost £10, and are available from Rosemary Graham [events@holmergreenbaptist.org.uk](mailto:events@holmergreenbaptist.org.uk) or send a cheque made payable to HGBC with an SAE to Rosemary Graham at [2a Browns Rd. Holmer Green, High Wycombe, HP15 6SL](#) and tickets will be posted back to you!

## Alpha Course

The Alpha Course will be running again in Marlow Bottom on Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30 from **September 25<sup>th</sup> until December 11<sup>th</sup>** (excluding half term week). There will also be a course in Marlow on Wednesday evenings from 7.45-9.45pm in the Church Hall, from 26 September until 12 December (excluding half term week). The evening starts with a meal together, and goes on to explore questions about life, faith and meaning. Friendships are often made in the process! Please pray about who you could invite to a course, and whether you could offer time to help with serving food, leading a discussion group or welcoming newcomers.

For more information, and to sign up, please contact Revd Graham Watts: [graham.watts@4u-team.org](mailto:graham.watts@4u-team.org) (Marlow Bottom course) or Revd Roland Slade: [roland.slade@4u-team.org](mailto:roland.slade@4u-team.org) (Marlow course).

**St Mary's Crèche** Many thanks to all who have given so generously to get our crèche room ready for next week. We are now working on making it super-welcoming and comfy for little ones and their carers. If you have any items of furniture (small sofa, bean bags) that might be appropriate, we would still really welcome those.

## **WOMENS BREAKFAST SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER 9-11am ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**HALL** Jo Fothergill will be speaking on The God Of Hope. Jo is married to Richard, an Anglican minister, who founded The Filling Station. Both of them work for this ministry. They have two daughters in their twenties. To reserve a place, please give names to the Parish Office. 01628 481806 [parish.office@4u-team.org](mailto:parish.office@4u-team.org) Suggested donation on the day £5

**Autumn Small Groups programme.** Our new brochure of Small Groups for the autumn is now out. Do have a look and see what you would like to sign up for - there is a great selection to choose from. You can also see the groups and sign up on the website [4u-team.org/smallgroups](http://4u-team.org/smallgroups)

**Fight homelessness in your sleep – join the Marlow Big Sleepout 2018!** The night might have been cold but the fellowship was warm . Last year's sleepout raised over £14,000 for Wycombe Homeless Connection. Money spent helping homeless adults to find accommodation and give support while beginning to rebuild their lives. Wycombe Homeless Connection is a local Christian charity which believes that every homeless individual in High Wycombe has worth and should have the chance of a fresh start, no matter what their situation. It costs £200,000 per year to run, 90% of which has to be voluntarily funded. This year the Marlow sleepout is on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. If you feel called to take part and share the fellowship or to help to steward for a few hours please speak to Muriel Reynolds [muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org](mailto:muriel.reynolds@4u-team.org) or for more information see <https://www.wyhoc.org.uk/fight-homelessness-in-your-sleep-join-the-marlow-big-sleepout-2018>

***From today, our monthly service pattern will be changing***

DATE	TIME	PLACE	TYPE
Week 1	9.30 11am	St Mary's The Chapel	Holy Communion Worship with children's groups
Week 2	9.30 11am	The Chapel St Mary's	Morning Worship Worship Altogether
Week 3	9.30 11am	St Mary's The Chapel	Holy Communion Worship with children's groups
Week 4	9.30 11am	The Chapel St Mary's	Morning Worship <i>or</i> Holy Communion All Age Communion <i>or</i> Service Sunday
Week 5	Everyone together service		

*If you want to talk to us more about any of this, please call us and we will come and chat it through with you.*

*Thank you, love Sami & Graham 01628 440106*

September services are set out on the front page of this newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> October will be as week 1 on the table

14<sup>th</sup> October will be as week 2 on the table

and so on....

***We are ordinary people led by an extraordinary God,  
whose love inspires us to welcome everyone, serve our communities  
and grow as we follow Jesus together***

# TOGETHER IN PRAYER

**Week beginning 23rd September 2018**

**A Prayer for the Blessings of Life** Lord of all blessings, as we walk about your world, let us know ourselves blessed at every turn; Blessed in the spring sun and leaves; Blessed in the summer breeze; Blessed in rain and shafts of sunlight; Blessed in the moving stars; Blessed in the turning world beneath our feet; Blessed in silence; Blessed in sleep; Blessed in our children, our parents and our friends; Blessed in conversation and the human voice; Blessed in waiting for the bus or train or traffic lights; Blessed in music; Blessed in singing voices; Blessed in the song of birds; Blessed in the cry that pierces the heart; Blessed in the smile of strangers; Blessed in the touch of love; Blessed in laughter; Blessed in pain, in darkness, in grief; Blessed in the desert and the frost; Blessed in waiting for the Summer; Blessed in waiting and waiting and waiting, Lord of all blessing, we bless you.

**Pray** for our Church Council and grant all members, patience discernment and tolerance, to give respect for other's opinions and grace to reach a consensus that will enable all our congregations to feel part of a generous and inclusive church community, where all are valued and loved equally and all voices are heard. Guide us to use our resources wisely and to do our best for our children and young people.

**Pray** for our staff team, for Gabrielle as she recovers from surgery; for Sarah as she leads the team for Dave as he continues his sabbatical and for Helen and the family. **Pray** for Sami, Graham, Roland, Mieke and the lay ministry team as they come together to cover additional duties and for our Church Wardens Julie and Ruth at this time of additional responsibility

**Pray** for the Lantern Church in Marlow Bottom which will become a weekly gathering from today. That this will enable more families to come and worship together and learn about God more regularly, that existing members find the changing patterns are positive and not too difficult; that God will build his kingdom in Marlow Bottom."

**Pray** for all those at home and abroad whose lives have been altered by violence, terrorist acts, severe weather and tragic accidents. **Pray** for the people of Yemen, Syria and Columbia. **Pray** the truce in the violence and unrest in Kimberley will hold and the local government will address some of the issues.

**Pray** for the many young people who are preparing to return to school and college, for those excited at the prospect of moving to new schools those going up to university and higher education and those starting school for the first time. **Pray** especially for those whose results have not enabled them to follow their hoped for path, may they trust God to open another door and show a new direction. **Pray** for teachers and lecturers as they return refreshed for new challenges. **Pray** for the volunteer teams as they prepare programmes to continue Church activities and clubs for our children in the coming autumn session while decision are made about replacing youth and children's leaders. Give all wisdom, and inspiration.

**Pray** for those who are sick in body mind or spirit and all those who struggle to make sense of their lives, and are facing personal times of crisis. **Pray** for those who are elderly and housebound, or living in residential homes with few friends or visitors. **Pray** for those recovering in hospital or at home; those waiting for treatment; those coming to terms with disability or changed lifestyles.

**Pray** for those who have recently died and those who are still missed and give thanks for their lives; may those who mourn know the peace of Christ. **Pray** for doctors, nurses, technicians and carers who use their God given skills to heal and to mend. **Give thanks** for those who are healing.